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1. NEDZI VISIT. DESPITE THE PRATFALLS AT THE BEGINNING, THE VISIT IS GOING VERY WELL. THE CONGRESSMAN HAS MADE A VERY GOOD IMPRESSION ON ALL, AND WE THINK HE WAS AN IDEAL CHOICE AT PRESIDENTIAL REP.

2. PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE. YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED FRELEK'S PITCH AS DESCRIBED IN OUR REPORTING CABLE ON THE AMBASSA-DOR'S CALL (WARSAW 5016). NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW ANY REACTION YOU GET ON THE HILL.

3. CONTACTS WITH DISSIDENTS. THE NSC-APPROVED GUIDELINES DISSEMINATED BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WERE LATER MADE PERMANENT, WITH BRZEZINSKI'S CONCURRENCE. BE THAT AS IT MAY, TTHE IMPORTANT THING IS NOW IS TO GET THEM MODIFIED, AND WE LIKE THE PRINCIPLES YOU SUGGEST IN PARA 6 OF STATE 147266. THE AMBASSADOR WILL DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE, AND WE WILL THEN PROPOSE CHANGES.
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4. PERSONNEL MATTERS. WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT BASTIANI WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ROY WALD'S JOB. WE TAKE YOUR WORD THAT HE IS THE RIGHT MAN FOR KRAKOW, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE OBJECTED THROUG THE DIRGEN CHANNEL AT HIS ASSIGNMENT FOR FOUR YEARS. AS FOR WALD, WE WILL SEND IN AN AMBASSADORIAL PLEA

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TO PICKERING IF YOU THINK IT WOULD HELP.

5. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. JOHN THOMPSON SHOULD BE CONSULTING IN THE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK. WOULD YOU PLEASE ASK HIM TO TRACK DOWN A COPY OF OUR CABLE ON ZERO BASE BUDGET AND DISCUSS OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ANYONE WHO HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE? ALSO, HE SHOULD READ THE PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE RECENT WAGE SURVEY TEAM AND MAKE ANY COMMENTS HE THINKS WOULD ENHANCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE BARE-BONES INCREASE RECOMMENDED BY THE TEAM. TELL HIM THE EMBASSY WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTARY MEMO ON THE SUBJECT.

6. OFFICIAL VISAS. WE HAVE NOTICED A NUMBER OF DELAYED ARRIVALS RECENTLY FOR LACK OF TIMELY ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL VISAS BY THE POLES. WE HAVE REGISTERED A MILD COMPLANIT IN THE MFA, BUT WE SUSPECT PART OF THE PROBLEM IS TARDY APPLICATIONS BY OFFICIAL TRAVELERS. TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN, PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO ANYONE COMING TO POLAND TO APPLY WELL IN ADVANCE.

7. ACTING DCM. AS YOU KNOW, JIM BRADSHAW WILL BE ACTING DCM FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, BEGINNING JUNE 18. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE
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THESE OFFICIAL-INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH JIM, WHO WILL BE FULLY INFORMED ON MATTERS AT THIS END.

8. PLEASE ASK JACK SEYMOUR TO CALL DAVID BROWN AND TELL HIM HIS MOTHER AND SISTER WILL ARRIVE AT NATIONAL AIRPORT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18, ON ALLEGHENY FLIGHT 176 AT 5:15 P.M. FROM TORONTO.
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